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1. DURING MEETING JUNE 26 WITH PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR
NAJMUL SAQIB KHAN I HAD OCCASION TO REVIEW WITH HIM RESULTS
OF PAKISTANI PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO'S 20-HOUR VISIT TO KUWAIT
JUNE 23-24. AMBASSADOR KHAN SAID THAT PURPOSE OF BHUTTO'S
VISIT WAS ESSENTIALLY TO EXPLAIN TO FOUR ARAB COUNTRIES
(SAUDI ARABIA, LIBYA, ABU DHABI AND KUWAIT) AGREEMENTS
WHICH HE HAD REACHED WITH PNA OPPOSITION PARTY TO HOLD NEW
ELECTIONS AND THANK THOSE COUNTRIES FOR THEIR
MEDIATION EFFORTS.

2. KHAN SAID VISIT CAME AS COMPLETE SURPRISE TO HIM AND
HE WAS ABLE TO NOTIFY KUWAITIS ONLY ON JUNE 18 OF
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BHUTTO'S INTENTION TO ARRIVE JUNE 20. HE DESCRIBED
DISCUSSIONS WITH KUWAITI LEADERS (REFTEL) AS CORDIAL,
RELAXED AND FRIENDLY. BESIDES REVIEWING INTERNAL POLITICAL
SITUATION IN PAKISTAN AND INFORMING KUWAITIS THAT NEW
ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD OCTOBER 7, BHUTTO FLOATED TWO IDEAS
RELATING TO ISLAMIC WORLD.

3. FIRST IDEA WAS SUGGESTION FOR AN ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE WHICH BHUTTO THOUGHT SHOULD BE HELD RATHER EARLY IN VIEW OF EXTENSIVE CHANGES WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE SINCE LAST ISLAMIC SUMMIT CONFERENCE HELD IN LAHORE. ACCORDING TO KHAN, KUWAITIS WERE VAGUELY FAVORABLE TO IDEA BUT NOTED DIFFICULTIES OF ACHIEVING ANY CONCRETE RESULTS IN SUCH A LARGE GATHERING. GOK LEADERS ALSO INDICATED THAT CAREFUL PREPARATION WOULD BE NEEDED AND POINTED TO RATHER INEFFECTIVE PERFORMANCE OF ISLAMIC SECRETARIAT IN JIDDA TO DATE.

4. BHUTTO'S SECOND IDEA WAS RELATED TO HIS ISLAMIC SUMMIT PROPOSAL. HE THREW OUT THE THOUGHT THAT A NON-AGGRESSION PACT MIGHT BE CONCLUDED BY THE ISLAMIC NATIONS. HE POINTED TO THE CURRENT DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN EGYPT AND LIBYA AND STRESSED THAT THERE WERE ENOUGH PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD WITHOUT THE ISLAMIC COUNTRIES FIGHTING AMONG THEMSELVES. THIS IDEAS APPARENTLY RECEIVED THE SAME SORT OF PLEASANT BUT NON-COMMITTAL RECEPTION WHICH THE FIRST IDEA DID.

5. AMBASSADOR KHAN FELT THAT PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS WITH KUWAIT, AND WITH THE OTHER ARAB STATES ALSO, HAD IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS AND THAT THE ARABS WERE QUITE SYMPATHETIC TO PAKISTAN AND ITS PROBLEMS. HE MENTIONED THE \$25 MILLION LOAN RECENTLY CONCLUDED IN WHICH PAKISTAN WOULD RECEIVE \$25 MILLION FROM THE KUWAIT FUND FOR THE REHABILITATION OF ITS RAILWAYS. THE LOAN WAS CONFIDENTIAL

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FOR 18 YEARS WITH A 5-YEAR GRACE PERIOD AT 4 PERCENT INTEREST. HE RECALLED THAT PAKISTAN HAD RECEIVED A \$45 MILLION LOAN LAST YEAR TO IMPROVE ITS ELECTRIFICATION INSTALLATIONS AND NOTED THAT THE PAKISTAN-KUWAIT JOINT INVESTMENT VENTURE NEGOTIATED BY THE PAKISTANI FINANCE MINISTER WITH KUWAIT LAST YEAR WOULD BE FINALIZED SHORTLY.
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